

--FINAL MINUTES--

WESTWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: March 24, 2014

Attending: Peter Grefrath (Council liaison)
Christine Blaney
Scott Viapiano
Boniface Kiamue
Elizabeth Muroski (Secretary)

Absent: Wilhelm Wang
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Meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Grefrath

- October minutes:
Motioned by Elizabeth, seconded by Scott. All in favor.
- New members introduced:
Boniface Kiamue and Scott Viapiano.
- Public Forum:
1) Mike and Patti Waugh, Palisade Avenue residents

Mike and Patti, the Community Garden master gardeners, wanted to discuss plans for the re-opening of the garden this year and also to review with the Committee some of the issues they encountered last year.

-In anticipation of the opening of the garden, the Waugh's said that they have already sent out an email to last year's participants to inquire about whether they wanted to sign up again and how many plot(s) they would like,

-They told the Committee that they have also set -up a cleanup date for Saturday, May 3rd,

-They mentioned how important it is to get a sign posted at the site to help people become aware of the garden and hopefully get more Westwood residents to participate. (**Committee has already selected the sign, which was approved by the members tonight. Christine will work with Rick W. and Patti on selecting the spot for and the installation of the sign).**

-They suggested that more marketing be done, i.e. through posting on the Westwood Board (by the RR tracks) and on the Westwood webpage. Maybe plan a 'kick-off' event? (**The Committee will work on promoting the garden more this year**)

Issues raised

-Water for garden last year had a foul smell, was warm, and sometimes low. Suggested getting a spigot and hose installed (**Peter will check with Rick (DPW) to see if that is possible**),

-Water fee. Will gardeners be charged a water fee (or any other fee) this year? (**Committee will review**).

- Election of Chairman and Secretary for 2014:
Carry motion to next meeting until absent members can take part.
Peter will contact Yash, Alfonse, and Wilhelm to see if they still want to be on the Committee.

- Westwood Pride Day, June 1, 2014:
 All Committee members voted to participate. Motioned by Christine, seconded by Scott – In favor 4, Opposed 0.
 Christine will complete form and submit to Jim and invite the Watershed Ambassador and Mike & Patti Waugh to participate.

- Community Garden:
 Sample sign voted on and approved unanimously. Motioned by Christine, seconded by Elizabeth – In favor 4, Opposed 0.
 (2x3, natural wood, dark green color, engraved lettering, no picture, with ‘established 2013’)
 (Christine motioned to move forward, Scott seconded, all were in favor, motion moved).

- April Agenda:
 Peter will draft and send prior to meeting.

- Sustainable Jersey:
 Need liaison between Green Team and Committee.
 Scott could do it if he can teleconference in (need to find out if that can be done, Christine?).

- Solar panels:
 Committee will revisit in the future.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Future meeting dates:

April 21
 May 19
 June 16
 September 15
 October 20
 November 17
 December 15